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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (February 12 - 20, 2009)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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12/02/2009: The Desecheo Island (NA-095, USi OI-002S, WW Loc. FK68GJ) DXpedition 2009 is expected to take place February 12-26th using the callsign K5D. Operators mentioned are Ralph/K0IR, Glen/K0JGH, Grant/K1KD, Brad/K4RT, Bob/K4UEE, Tim/K5AC, Dick/K5AND, Gary/K9SG, George/N4GRN, Bill/N4NX, Mike/N6MZ, Mike/NA5U, Felipe/NP4Z, Neil/VA7DX, Steve/VE7CT, Glenn/W0GJ, Jim/W0NB, Gordon/W0RUN, John/W2GD, Gregg/W6IZT, Garry/W8OI and Jerry/WB9Z. A total of 6-8 stations will be operational, including 160-6 meters. Focus will be on Asia and Europe. Halfway through the operation, on February 19th, approximately half of the operating team will be replaced with fresh operators for the final week. QSL direct only to N2OO. Further information and updates can be found on their website at: www.kp5.us/ [W0GJ]

12/02/2009: John/KX7YT and Rob/N1KEZ will be active from VP5JM's Hamlet on Providenciales Island (NA-002) as VP5/homecall from February 12-15th, including an entry in the CQWW RTTY Contest. QSL via home calls.

12/02/2009: Dennis, WA2USA will be active as WA2USA/4 from Bogue Banks [aka Emerald Isle] (NA-112, USi NC-010S), Carteret County, North Carolina, from February 12-24th. QRV 160-10 meters, using RTTY, CW and SSB. He will also participate in the ARRL CW DX and CQ WPX RTTY Contests. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

13/02/2009: Look for Stavros, 5B4AFM to be active holiday-style from Lhaviyani Atoll, Maldive Islands (AS-013) from February 13-19th. QRV 30m, 40m, CW/SSB, with 100W and vertical. QSL via M0BBB. [NG3K]

13/02/2009: Russell, G5XW will be active again as CN2XW from Morocco between February 13th and 23rd. This is another backpacking type holiday, so he will be running 100 watts into some sort of basic antenna. QSL via home call, direct only. [425 DX News]

13/02/2009: Iiario, IV3CGJ will be active from Marie Galante Island (NA-102, DIFO FG-008, WLOTA LH-4241), Guadeloupe, as FG/IV3CGJ/p from February 13-24th. QRV holiday-style on 80-10m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

14/02/2009: Operators Franco/YV1VM, Jose/YV5TX, Alex/YV5SSB and Jesus/YV5MSG will be active as 4M5DX from Caracas, Venezuela, during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest as a Multi-Single/High-Power entry. QSL via IT9DAA, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

14/02/2009: Rob, PA3DEW and Vincent, PA3FQX will be active again from the Dormaa Hospital, Dormaa-Ahenkro, Ghana, starting February 14th. They will be QRV as 9G1AA in their spare time. Look for them around 1600 UTC on 14140 kHz. QSL via PA3ERA, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

14/02/2009: Bert, CX3AN will be active as A35HA from Tonga's main island, Tongatapu (OC-049) for one week starting February 14th. QRV on

40-6 meters with a special emphasis on 30/17 meters using CW and SSB, and only 100 watts from his Icom 706 into dipole antennas. His activity will be limited because he will be on a family holiday trip. Bert will be operating alone this time, not like other trips where his good friend Mario, CX4CR, usually would join him. QSL via CX3AN. [OPDX Bulletin]

14/02/2009: Look for Val, RD3AF to be QRV as EF8M from Las Palmas, Isla de Gran Canaria (AF-004, DIE S-005, ESA GC, WLOTA LH-0969) for the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

14/02/2009: Operators Juri/ES5GP, Toomas/ES5RY and Vilnis/YL2KF will be active from Tartu, Estonia, as ES5Q during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via ES5RY, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

14/02/2009: Members of the Radio Club of Panama (HP1RCP) and Panama Canal Amateur Radio Association (PCARA) will be activating Miraflores Lock's Lighthouse (ARLHS PAN-030) in the Panama Canal using the special callsign H81L between February 14-15th. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via HP1RCP. [OPDX Bulletin]

14/02/2009: Tino, HI3CCP will be active during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest from Lomas del Toro in Santiago (the Lomadeltoro Contest Team's HI3CCP station): www.lomadeltoro.com QSL via ON4IQ. [OPDX Bulletin]

14/02/2009: John/W1AN, Ken/K3IU, Jay/AJ1M, Bill/N1HRA and Carlos/WP4U will be active as NP3U from the "Mi Casita" Contest station, Aguas Buenas, Puerto Rico (NA-099, USi PR-006S, WLOTA LH-2802, San Juan County) during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via WP4U, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

14/02/2009: Rene, DL2JRM plans to be active from Schouwen Duiveland (EU-146) as PA/DL2JRM/p on February 14th and 15th. QRV 80m-10m CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

14/02/2009: During the annual Dutch PACC Contest, members of the PA3FKN PACC Team will activate the Island of Ameland (EU-038, WLOTA LH-1059) Team members are: Bote/PA0BVD, Aloys/PA3DAT, Wietse/PA3DDJ, Berend/PA3FAL, Eric/PA3FKN, Douwe/PD0RXP, Laurens/PD3LHS, Andries/PE1PIX, Peter/PE1PIX, Joeri/PE5JW, Gialt/PE1OLM and Gerben/PG5M. The list of equipment is extensive, including 8 transceivers, 13 antenna configurations, masts, more than 2 km of coax cable, etc. which altogether is more than 2500 KG. For the low bands they will use: 160m - 2 phased verticals, 80m - 4 square dipoles and 40m - 4 square verticals. Time and dates: 1200z, Saturday, February 14th, to 1200z, Sunday, February 15th. For more information on the PACC Contest, visit the official PACC Web site at: pacc.veron.nl/ Also, watch the following Web page for updates (especially during the contest) at: www.dx.to/ [OPDX Bulletin]

14/02/2009: Look for Daniel, VE2SB to be active as VC2E during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest. QSL via VE2SB (QRZ.com). [RAC]

14/02/2009: Members of the Bekasi DX Contest Club (YE1ZAT) will be active from Java (OC-021, WLOTA LH-1660) during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned are Joz/YD1JZ, Danu/YD1GCL, Terry/YC1KAF, Yon/YB1CCF, Arif/YE1AA and Heri/YB1KAR. QSL via YE1ZAT, by the bureau, e-QSL or direct via info on QRZ.com. [OPDX Bulletin]

14/02/2009: Radio Club Nikola Tesla, Z37M will be active in the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (February 14-15th) as a Multi-? entry. Operators mentioned are Z31MM, Z32ID, Z32XU, Z35T, Z35X, Z36N, Z36W and others. QSL direct or via the bureau. [NG3K]

15/02/2009: Mehdi, F5PFP, announced that he received the callsign FT5YJ from TAAF Telecom Department to use for his 2009 (mid-February and mid-March) amateur radio expedition to Antarctica. His group plans to be active under the callsigns xxx/FT5YJ/p from several Antarctic stations. For more details, visit the following Web page at: f6kdf.ath.cx/f5nod/Antarcticexpedition2009/bases.html [OPDX Bulletin]

15/02/2009: Rick, AA4W will be operating from the jungles of Honduras, February 15-25th, to provide communications support for the International Health Service. QTH will be in the village of Puerto Lamperia, located on the southeastern coast, just north of the Nicaraguan border. Rick will be manning the radio station for one of the surgical teams as well as acting as the net control station for the radio network. The workdays are long but he plans to be on 20 and 40 meters in the evenings (CW of course), and on Sunday the 22nd, to provide an opportunity for you to put a QRP contact to HR8 in your log. Callsign expected to be HR8/AA4W. QSL via home call. [NAQCC]

15/02/2009: Paolo F8ENY will be active from San Pedro, Ivory Coast, as TU/F8ENY, between February 16th and March 2nd. QRV mainly on 20m band. QSL via home call. [F5NQL]

15/02/2009: Klaus, DJ4SO will be active again as V5/DJ4SO from the Matunda Guest Farm, Namibia, from February 15th to March 12th. He will operate mostly CW and RTTY/PSK31 on 160-10 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [425 DX News]

17/02/2009: Operators Walter/DJ6QT, Falk/DK7YY, Wolfgang/DK9VZ, Ulf/DL5AXX, Tom/DL5LYM and Frank/DL8WAA will be active from the CT9L contest station, Santana, Madeira Island (AF-014, DIP MA-001, WLOTA LH-0053), including a Multi-2 entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22) as CT9L. Oustide the contest they will be QRV as CT3/homecall. DJ6QT and DK7YY are operating from February 17th until March 10th. The others will leave February 24th. QSL CT9L via DJ6QT, bureau preferred. QSL other via their home calls. [NG3K]

17/02/2009: Bill/N7OU and Bob/W7YAQ will be active from the Tuvalu Islands (OC-015) between February 17th and March 2nd. Their callsigns still have to be confirmed. QRV 160-10 meters; mainly CW, with some SSB and RTTY, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd). QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

17/02/2009: Stan/AC8W (YN2WW), Hank/K8DD (YN2DD), Jim/KB8TXZ (YN2TX) and Lee/N8LJ (YN2LJ) will be active on all bands from YN2N's QTH in Grenada, Nicaragua, from February 17-24th, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as YN2DD. Outside the contest, emphasis on 160m, 80m and WARC bands. Check QRZ.com for QSL information. [NG3K]

18/02/2009: Bob, N4BP (C6AKQ), and Kevin, K4PG (C6APG) will once again be active from Freeport, Grand Bahama Island (NA-080, WLOTA LH-0527), February 18-22nd. They will be on the WARC bands between antenna jobs. Bob and Kevin currently plan on operating 160 meters and either 40 or 80 meters in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd). QSL C6AKQ via LoTW; QSL C6APG via K4PG direct or LoTW. [NG3K]

18/02/2009: Look for John, KP2/K3CT (QSL via home call) to be active from "Radio Reef", St. Croix Island (USi VI-002S, WLOTA LH-2477), US Virgin Islands (NA-106) from February 18-25th, with an emphasis on 30, 12 and 17 meters before and after the ARRL DX CW Contest. He will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as KP2M (QSL via AI4U). [425 DX News]

18/02/2009: Eric, K9GY will be signing YS4/K9GY, or special call, from El Salvador between February 18-23rd, including a Single-Op entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd). Outside the contest he will focus on 160m + WARC bands. QSL via LoTW. [NG3K]

18/02/2009: John, K6AM will be active from Savannah, Grand Cayman Island (NA-016, WLOTA LH-1042) as ZF2AM between February 18th and March 4th. John reports that he will be doing mostly antenna work outside of the contests, but may get on the WARC bands or even 6 meters (Grid Loc. EK99IG) a bit as time permits. QSL via K6AM, direct or by the bureau or LoTW. [NG3K]

19/02/2009: John "Doc", K3MD, will be active as KP2/K3MD from St. John (USi VI-003), U.S. Virgin Islands (IOTA NA-106), February 19-24th. His activity will include the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. (He placed 9th in the world in 2008.) Doc reports that the cabin he rents (overlooks east and west at 1000 feet) is a straight shot to U.S. He will be using an IC-7000 (w/ALS-500M/PS-75) into an all band 80-10m trap dipole up 50 feet and a 160 meter inverted L. Outside of contest he will operate casually, usually working Europe on 20 and 40 meters. QSL via K3MD. [OPDX Bulletin]

19/02/2009: Members of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (CCC) will activate Signal Point Station on Curacao (SA-006, WLOTA LH-0942) as PJ2/homecall during the end of February. Operators mentioned are Dan/N1ZZ, Geoff/W0CG, Jim/WI9WI, Mark/N5OT, Mal/NP2L, Jim/K6ZH and Charles/WA9S. Their main goal is the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Multi-? entry using the callsign PJ2T. QSL PJ2T via N9AG or LoTW. QSL all others via their home callsigns. [NG3K]

20/02/2009: Rick, NE8Z will once again be heading south to Ecuador and plans to be active with the following callsigns from various locations as follows: HC1MD/HC4 - February 20-27th; QTHs: Same & Tonsupa, Esmeraldas Province (Pacific beach homes). HC1MD - February 28th-March 8th; QTH: Tumbaco, Pichincha Province Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via K8LJG: John Kroll, 3528 Craig Drive, Flint, MI 48506 USA. [OPDX Bulletin]

20/02/2009: Operators Orlando/PT2OP and Marcelo/PY6KW plan to activate Tinhare Island (SA-080, DIB BA-05, WW Loc. HH06MP), Bahia State, Brazil, from February 20-24th. PT2OP will use the special callsign PX6T, while PY6KW will use homecall/p or possibility of a special callsign. This operation will also count for the Lighthouse of Morro de S?o Paulo (DFB BA-06, ARLHS BRA-157) QRV mainly 20 and 40 meters using SSB only; 100 watts and G5RV antenna. QSL PX6T via PT2OP. QSL PY6KW/p via home call. [CT1END]

20/02/2009: Rick, K6VVA will celebrate his 65th Birthday from the island of Tortola (NA-023), British Virgin Islands. QRV February 20-24th as VP2V/K6VVA, mostly CW, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) using the callsign VP2VVA. QSL both calls via N6AWD.

[NG3K]

Be sure to check Bill's (NG3K) website for updated CQWW WPX RTTY Contest activity at: ng3k.com/Misc/cqrjwpx2009.html

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LOOKING AHEAD -

21/02/2009: Andy, AE6Y will be active from Sabana Basora, Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA LH-0033), as P49Y during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

25/02/2009: Special event callsign 9K48NLD will be aired February 25-26th from the 9K2RA Head Quarters, Safat, Kuwait, to celebrate Kuwaits National Independance and Liberation Day. Note: not from IOTA AS-118 as initially planned. Activity will be mainly on 40 and 20 meters, using SSB and CW. QSL via 9K2RA direct preferred (QRZ.com), bureau OK. [NG3K]

01/03/2009: The special event station of the Eddystone User Group will air the calls GX3EUG / GX7EUG on 80m/40m on March 1st from the site of the former WW2 RAF base at Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire. RAF base Sutton Bridge. The site is due to be developed shortly into a vast industrial estate. QSL via G7AIR. Further information at: www.eddystoneusergroup.org.uk/ [Southgate ARC]

12/03/2009: Colin/G3VCQ (FISTS #14065) and Sharon/M3VCQ (FISTS #14066) will be active from the island of Grenada (NA-024, WLOTA LH-0718) from March 12-26th. Colin is participating in the BERU CW contest (March 14-15th) and will be part of the "Rest of the World Team". Operations will be from the beach QTH with FT857d, Expert SPE solid state amplifier. Antenna's will range from a 3 el yagi for 14, 18, 21, 24 and 28Mhz. On the lower bands the antennas will be verticals and dipoles for 10, 7 and 3.5Mhz. Modes will be SSB during none contest times and CW during the BERU of course. Colin will only work Commonwealth stations during the contest. Sharon J38/M3VCQ will also be active with Colin from the island (SSB only chaps!). If your local listen out for us on 2m, 6m and 70cm. All QSL's via G3VCQ please, direct or bureau. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

21/03/2009: Tim, NL8F/VK4COF will be active for 14 days from Rarotonga Island (OC-013) between March 21st and April 4th (set up may take a day). QRV 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 meter SSB; maybe 17 meters. QSL manager for the operation is K8NA. [NL8F]

22/03/2009: Patrick, F4EBT will be active from Guadeloupe Island (NA-102, DIFO FG-001, WLOTA LH-0644) as FG/homecall from March 22nd to April 11th. QRV SSB only, with 100 watts and FD4 antenna. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

28/03/2009: Jim, W7EJ will once again be active from Casablanca, Morocco, as CN2R for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via W7EJ, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

04/04/2009: Haru, JA1XGI will be active from Christmas Island (OC-002) as VK9XGI from April 4-11th. QRV all bands, focus on low bands, using CW and digital modes. QSL via JA1XGI, bureau or direct. [NG3K]

07/04/2009: Daniel/DL5YWM and Ren?/DL2JRM will stay in Lima, Peru, from April 7th until the beginning of May. In their spare time they will operated as OA4/homecall mainly in CW with focus on the lowband. During this stay they will made a small detour to Costa Rica to participate in the German DXpedition to IOTA NA-191 (www.ti7.info/) which takes place April 17-20th. Any acitivity from peruvian IOTA's will be decided at the last minute. [DL5YWM]

30/05/2009: Fred/K9VV, Larry/N6NC, Vic/WA0USA and Brian/KP2HC will be active from Freeport, Grand Bahama Island (NA-080, WLOTA LH-0527) during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Multi-Two entry. QSL via K5WW. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

11/06/2009: Doug, KF4VTT will be active from the island of Bermuda (NA-005, WLOTA LH-0201) from June 11-17th as VP9/KF4VTT. QRV 160-6m using SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

25/07/2009: Doug/GM0ELP and Simon/M0GBK will be active from the isle of Skye (IOSA NH07, SCOTIA CN14, WW Loc. IO67QN), Inner Hebrides (EU-008), as MM3T during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). Their category will be Multi-Op/All-Bands/Low-Power/Mixed/Assisted/Expedition/24-hours. Please QSL only via eQSL. Website at: freespace.virgin.net/douglas.maxwell/MM3T/mm3t.htm [rsgbiota.org]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

08/02/2009: In commemoration of the 6th Antarctic Activity week, Fran?ois, F8DVD will use the special callsign TM8ICE from 8 February 8-21st. WAP reference is 154. The activity will take place from his home QTH in Macon, France. Special color QSL card showing TARA polar vessel is OK via bureau or direct (Fran?ois Bergez 6, rue Libert, F-71000 Macon, France). [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

13/02/2009: Special event callsign GB5WVR will be aired February 13th for the Worth Valley Railway, Keighley, West Yorkshire (WAB Square SE03). QSL via the bureau, or direct with SAE to G0FQN. [GB2RS]

14/02/2009: Demetrius, SV2GWY and other operators will be active as SX2CM on the following dates: February 14-15th, May 10-11th, May 24-25th and July 5-7th. The special callsign is in honour of the brothers saints Cyril and Methodius. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; the QSL manager for direct cards is SV2GWY. Further information can be found at: sx2cm.blogspot.com/ [425 DX News]

14/02/2009: Lionel, MU0GSY (ISWL member GU21028) will air two special event callsigns to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of The Worked All Britain Awards Group, from St. Sampson's, Bailiwick of Guernsey (EU-114, WLOTA LH-0013, WW Loc. IN89RL, WAB square WV38). February 14-15th he will use the special call GP4WAB; February 21-22nd he will use GP7WAB. Look for activity mainly on 20 meter SSB. Each contact made will receive a QSL card automatically via the bureau. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

16/02/2009: Walter, HB9BHY will be participating in the 6th Antarctic Activity Week (February 16-22nd) using the special call sign HE8ICE (WAP-81). HE8 is also special prefix issued to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of USKA, so HE8ICE for the AAW 2009, instead of the old previous HB9ICE. QSL via HB9BHY. The full list of callsigns already booked for the 6th AAW is available at WAP website, by clicking on the specific AAW banner, or at: www.waponline.it/Default.aspx?tabid=113

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U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

11/02-22/02 D4C: Ilha de Sao Vicente WLOTA 1976 QSL IZ4DPV (d)
13/02-24/02 FG/IV3CGJ/P: Marie Galante Island WLOTA 4241 QSL HC (d/b)
14/02-15/02 EF8M: Isla de Gran Canaria WLOTA 0969 QSL RD3AF (d/b)
14/02-15/02 GP4WAB: Guernsey Island (main) WLOTA 0013 QSL Auto Buro
14/02-15/02 H81L: Miraflores Lock's PAN-030 QSL HP1RCP (d)
14/02-15/02 NP3U: Puerto Rico Island WLOTA 2802 QSL WP4U (d/b)
14/02-15/02 PA3FKN/P: Ameland Island WLOTA 1059 QSL HC (d/b)
14/02-15/02 YE1ZAT: Java WLOTA 1660 QSL d/b
17/02-10/03 CT3/DJ6QT: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA 0053 QSL HC (d/b)
17/02-10/03 CT3/DK7YY: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA 0053 QSL HC (d/b)
17/02-24/02 CT3/DK9VZ: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA 0053 QSL HC (d/b)
17/02-24/02 CT3/DL5AXX: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA 0053 QSL HC (d/b)
17/02-24/02 CT3/DL5LYM: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA 0053 QSL HC (d/b)
17/02-24/02 CT3/DL8WAA: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA 0053 QSL HC (d/b)
18/02-22/02 C6AKQ: Grand Bahama Isl (Freeport) WLOTA 0527 QSL LoTW
18/02-22/02 C6APG: Grand Bahama Isl (Freeport) WLOTA 0527 QSL K4PG (d)
19/02-25/02 PJ2/K6ZH: Curacao Island WLOTA 0942 QSL HC (d/b)
19/02-25/02 PJ2/N1ZZ: Curacao Island WLOTA 0942 QSL HC (d/b)
19/02-25/02 PJ2/N5OT: Curacao Island WLOTA 0942 QSL HC (d/b)
19/02-25/02 PJ2/NP2L: Curacao Island WLOTA 0942 QSL HC (d/b)
19/02-25/02 PJ2/W0CG: Curacao Island WLOTA 0942 QSL HC (d/b)
19/02-25/02 PJ2/WA9S: Curacao Island WLOTA 0942 QSL HC (d/b)
19/02-25/02 PJ2/WI9WI: Curacao Island WLOTA 0942 QSL HC (d/b)
20/02-24/02 PX6T: Morro de Sao Paulo DFB BA-06, BRA-157 QSL PT2OP (d)
20/02-24/02 PY6KW/p: Morro de Sao Paulo DFB BA-06, BRA-157 QSL HC (d)
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U.S. COUNTIES (USA-CA) -

13/02/2009: Barry/N0KV and Pat/N0DXE will be running mobile, SSB and CW, February 13-15th from the following U.S. counties, weather permitting - CO: Douglas, Jefferson, Clear Creek, Summit, Grand, Jackson, Routt and Moffat. WY: Carbon, Sweetwater, Sublette and Sweetwater. UT: Daggett and Uintah. CO: Rio Blanco, Garfield, Eagle, Summmit, Clear Creek, Jefferson and Douglas. (Probably stop in Carbon or Sweetwater first nite and W. CO 2d nite) If you have a need for an adjacent county and we have time, we will try and help. [County Hunter Web]

14/02/2009: Colin, KU5B along with Stacy, W5JSJ will be running mobile on February 14th from the following U.S. counties, SSB and CW - LA: DeSoto, RedRiver, Caddo, RedRiver, Natchitoches, Winn, LaSalle, Grant, LaSalle, Catahoula, Concordia, Catahoula, LaSalle, Rapides, Evangeline, Avoyelles, Evangeline, St.Landry, Evangeline, St.Landry, Lafayette, St.Martin, Lafayette, Acadia, Jefferson Davis and Calcasieu. Colin will likely be focusing on CW (mainly 20/40, with 10/15/80 capability) but may go to SSB as the stream of callers decreases or if he will be crossing that parish multiple times. He has Evangeline listed a couple of times as Streets and Trips denotes the parish line crossing over the Interstate in places but he is not sure if the GPS will tell me that or not. If there are any parishes that are especially needed, let him know

and he will try to work something out. Streets and Trips estimates this route to take around 8.5hrs so there may be some time to add another parish or two. Send email requests to colin at ku5b.com [County Hunter Web]

15/02/2009: Look for Lloyd, NX4W to be running mobile, SSB and Digital only, between February 15th and 19th from the following U.S. counties on his way home from the SC mini in Weslaco, Texas. SUNDAY, FEB 15 - TX: Hidalgo, Starr, Jim Hogg, Zapata, Webb, Duval, McMullen, LaSalle, Atascosa, Frio. MONDAY, FEB 16: Wilson, Karnes, Gonzales, DeWitt, Bastrop, Lee, Fayette, Washington, Burleson, Waller, Harris. TUESDAY, FEB 17: Montgomery, Harris, Liberty, Jefferson, Orange. LA: Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, Vermillion, Cameron, Iberia, St Mary, Assumption, Terrebonne. WEDNESDAY, FEB 18: LaFourche, St James, St John the Baptist, St Charles, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St Tammany. MS: Hancock, Harrison, Jackson. AL: Mobile, Baldwin. FL: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, THURSDAY, FEB 19: Walton, Bay, Gulf, Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson, Taylor, Lafayette, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy. Lloyd will be starting out each day around 1300-1330 UTC. He will be running a little different than the past. All SSB runs will be on the move and of course PSK31 he will have to stop. Most of the PSK31 runs will be on county lines unless of course they are wet. He is going to run both 30m and 40m PSK31. First 10.139 and as soon as he is finished with 30m he will go directly to 7.072 on 40m. [County Hunter Web]

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SIX METERS & UP -

12/02-26/02 K5D: Desecheo Island (NA-095) Grid:FK68GJ 50.106CW 50.130USB QSL N2OO (d)

12/02-13/02 VP5/KX7YT: Provo NA-002 6M Grid:FL31VS 100W 2ele Steppir QSL HC (d/b)

12/02-13/02 VP5/N1KEZ: Provo NA-002 6M Grid:FL31VS 100W 2ele Steppir QSL HC (d/b)

14/02-21/02 A35HA: Tongatapu (OC-049) 6M Grid:AG28 IC-706 100W dipole QSL CX3AN (QRZ.com)

14/02-15/02 Louisiana QSO Party: 50.095 and 144.050 CW; 50.135 and 144.210 Phone

14/02-15/02 New Hampshire QSO Party 50.135 USB + FM; 6m-1.2GHz bands included

14/02-15/02 Northern New York QSO Party 6m - 70cm bands included

14/02-15/02 W1WQM: NH QSO Party 50.135USB Grid:FN43OB QSL AA1CA (d/b)

18/02-25/02 VP5/WJ2O: Provo NA-002 6M Grid:FL31VS 100W 2ele Steppir QSL HC (d/b)

19/02-25/02 PJ2/K6ZH: Curacao (SA-006) Grid:FK52KG 50.110USB 100W CC-5el at 85ft QSL HC (d/b)

19/02-25/02 PJ2/N1ZZ: Curacao (SA-006) Grid:FK52KG 50.110USB 100W CC-5el at 85ft QSL HC (d/b)

19/02-25/02 PJ2/N5OT: Curacao (SA-006) Grid:FK52KG 50.110USB 100W CC-5el at 85ft QSL HC (d/b)

19/02-25/02 PJ2/NP2L: Curacao (SA-006) Grid:FK52KG 50.110USB 100W CC-5el at 85ft QSL HC (d/b)

19/02-25/02 PJ2/W0CG: Curacao (SA-006) Grid:FK52KG 50.110USB 100W CC-5el at 85ft QSL HC (d/b)

19/02-25/02 PJ2/WA9S: Curacao (SA-006) Grid:FK52KG 50.110USB 100W CC-5el at 85ft QSL HC (d/b)

19/02-25/02 PJ2/WI9WI: Curacao (SA-006) Grid:FK52KG 50.110USB 100W CC-5el at 85ft QSL HC (d/b)

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at: http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated February 09, 2009)
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QSL INFO -

The following operation is approved for DXCC credit:

TT8JT - Chad

2008 Operation

73 es DX!
Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

QSLs received Bureau - 3B8MM, 4J0DX, 6W1RY, 8Q7BR, 9G5UR, 9X0R, CU8F, E4/OM2DX, EJ0GI, LX1EA, IR6T, IU0IPY, LW9EOC, LX1ER, LX1GG, LX1HD, LX7I, MJ/F4EGD, OH0EC, OH0/SP7VC, OJ0MI, OX3DB, OX3IPA, OX3LX, OX3MC, PC07XMAS, PD08HNY, PY1KN, R1ANF, R245GS, R450KB, RK0BWW/0, T70A, RK1B/p, SV9/DL5MAE, TK/PA0GIO/p, TO1T, TO5FJ, TO7C, TT8PK, V25OP, V26MH, V55V/p, VP2V/AH6HY, VU2JOS, VU7MY, YK9SV, YU8/HB4FG, YX5IOTA, ZA/DL8OBQ and ZF1A.

QSLs received Direct - 3A2MD (via Direct), 3B8GT (via Direct; 2GS), 4A3A (via NN1N), 4W6R (via EA4URE), 5R8IC (via F6ICX), 7W0AD (via EA4URE), 8P5A (via NN1N), C57R (via EA4BT), BD7MVZ (via Direct), BG7MVZ (via Direct), CW2C (via IK1PMR), EK3SA (via DJ1CW), FY1FL (via QRZ.com), JT1Y (via IK1PMR), KP2/NY6X (via NY6X), OZ1AA (via LX1NO), PJ2T (via N9AG), TF3CW (via LX1NO), VU4RG (via Direct), ZP0R (via IK1PMR) and ZY0K (via KQ0B).

QSLs received LoTW - 9Y4/IV3IYH, AT6T, C6AQQ, CN2JS, CU3EQ, D4C, F5IN, F6BEE, G3AB, HB9FAP, J5UAP, KL9A, NH6JC, OK2ZU, OK2ZV, PJ2/K8MFO, PJ2W, R1FJT, S58MU, TM2Y, UR5FAV, UT7L, UT9F, VU2PTT, VU2SWS, VU2WAP and ZS1O.
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SILENT KEYS -

It is with deep sadness that I inform you that Jim (VK9NS) passed peacefully away on Norfolk Island at 15:40 local time on 10 February 2009 after a short illness.

Jim is survived by his wife Kirsti (VK9NL) and his four children: Bruce (G3HSR), Stuart, Sheena and Fraser (all living in the UK).

Jim's contribution to Amateur Radio, DX-ing and IOTA is inestimable. He will be sadly missed.

Further information and condolences can be sent to Kirsti at jimkirsti at ni.net.nf

Bruce (G3HSR)

George E. Caswell, W1ME of Scarborough, Maine, passed away February 3, 2009, at the age of 63.

Dieter K. Schliemann, KX4Y passed away February 9, 2009, after a brave fight with cancer. He was 68. Dieter was instrumental in leading and supporting many key activities in AMSAT and on the ARISS program.

It is with deep sadness that I inform you that (JY3ZH) ZEDAN ABASS on 20 Janury 09 and (JY4MB) MOHAMMAD BABISI End Of December 08 are passed peacefully away in Amman, Jordan, after a short illness.
Both were very active and they did a lot of HAM work in Jordon and in the Arab and in international Ham Family .
Further information and condolences can be sent to:
OM Dr. Munzer (JY5HX) QRZ.com Please.
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BITS & PIECES -

DESECHEO February 12, 2009
At 1240Z the first helicopter with five Team Members aboard took off from Rincon and a few minutes later landed safely on Desecheo Island. The K5D Desecheo 2009 DXpedition is officially ON! QRV (single transmitter only) still planned near 0200Z tonight.
Tks Bernie, W3UR

2009-02-11

The IARU President and Vice President confirmed -

Following a worldwide balloting that ended on February 10th, the IARU International Secretariat announced today the ratifications of the nominations of Timothy S. Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA, to serve as President of the IARU for a five-year term beginning on 9 May 2009 and of Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, to serve as Vice President of the IARU for a five-year term also beginning on 9 May 2009.

Mr Ellam, a long time Canadian Amateur residing in Calgary, Alberta, was until now Vice President of the IARU. He is well known in the Canadian Amateur administration circles as he has been active with RAC and its proceeding organizations for many years. He will be replacing Dr Larry E. Price, W4RA, who has been IARU President since 1998 and has decided to retire at the end of his current term in May.

Mr Garpestad, a resident of Oslo, Norway is presently President of the IARU Region 1. He also has a long history of working for Amateur Radio at different levels over the years.

Our congratulations to Tim and Ole and we are looking forward to working with them.

We also want to thank Larry for many decades of hard work preserving Amateur privileges and working to get us some more.

73,
Daniel A. Lamoureux, VE2KA
Vice-Persident International Affairs,
Radio Amateurs of Canada

New Zealand to get 7.1-7.2 MHz Primary -

The New Zealand regulator the MED has announced that the Amateur Radio service will gain Primary access to 7.1-7.2 MHz after 29 March 2009.

The Ministry of Economic Development (MED) website says:

In accordance with the ITU Radio Regulations published last year the use of the frequency band 7.1 to 7.2 MHz for Broadcasting services will cease after 29 March 2009.

This change aligns use of the band in ITU-R Regions 1 and 3 with Region 2. (Region 3 includes New Zealand). PIB 21 will be amended by removing the New Zealand broadcasting allocation in this band.

This change means that the amateur radio service will enjoy primary access to the band after 29 March 2009.

The announcement 'Broadcasting use of frequency Band 7.1 to 7.2 MHz' can be seen at
http://news.business.govt.nz/news/info/rsm/article/9362

IARU votes to admit new members -

The IARU has voted to admit the Emirates Amateur Radio Society and the Kazakhstan Federation of Radiosports and Radioamateur.

The news release from the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) reads:

IARU Member-Societies Ratify New Officers, Vote to Admit New Members
Balloting by IARU Member-Societies on four proposals presented to them in September 2008 (IARU Calendar 187) was completed on 10 February 2009.

There were 73 Member-Societies that cast votes or abstentions on the four proposals. With 57 affirmative votes required for adoption, the votes were as follows:

Proposal No. 241 concerning the ratification of the nomination of Timothy S. Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA, to serve as President of the IARU for a five-year term beginning on 9 May 2009: 72 in favor, 1 abstention. ADOPTED.

Proposal No. 242 concerning the ratification of the nomination of Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, to serve as Vice President of the IARU for a five-year term beginning on 9 May 2009: 73 in favor. ADOPTED.

Proposal No. 243 concerning the admission of Emirates Amateur Radio Society: 72 in favor, 1 abstention. ADOPTED.

Proposal No. 244 concerning the admission of Kazakhstan Federation of Radiosports and Radioamateur: 73 in favor. ADOPTED.

Upon his election as the next IARU President, Mr. Ellam said: "I am very honoured to have been elected as President of IARU and look forward to working with all three Regions and the Member-Societies during my term in office. We no doubt will face many issues in the run up to the 2011 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-11), but I look forward to working as a team to meet the challenges ahead.

"Congratulations to Ole Garpestad for his election as Vice President. I am very pleased to have Ole as part of the officer team and know he will do an excellent job in his new position.

"Finally, I would like to thank Larry Price for his sterling work with IARU during his term as President. IARU is in a very strong position today as a result of Larry's leadership. His support and friendship to me has also been very helpful in fulfilling my former duties as Vice President."

IARU
http://www.iaru.org/

Kazakhstan Federation of Radiosports and Radioamateur
http://www.cqun.kz/?lang=en

SOUTH AMERICA LIGHTHOUSES WEEK END - 20 to 22 of Feb 2009.
Activities announced up Feb 8th.
1 - Argentina - Recalada LU7EHL/D (*) ARG-009 - R.C GDXBB, Box 709, (8000) Bahia Blanca, Buenos Aires, Argentina (activaci?n femenina)
2 - Argentina - Atalaya LU9AUC/D (*) ARG-076 - GDXSM, El Zonda 2691, (1663) San Miguel, Buenos Aires, Argentina
3 - Argentina - Punta Atalaya LU6DDC/D (*) ARG-099 - GDXSM, El Zonda 2691, (1663) San Miguel, Buenos Aires , Argentina
4 - Argentina - Baliza Malecon Oeste LU3DXG/D (*) - R.C GDXBB, Box 709, (8000) Bahia Blanca, Buenos Aires , Argentina (Ref. en tr?mite - 1? vez)
5 - Argentina - Baliza Cracker LU4ETN/W (*) - R.C GDXBB, Box 709, (8000) Bahia Blanca, Buenos Aires , Argentina (Ref. en tr?mite - 1? vez)
6 - Argentina - Punta Medanos LU7EO/D (*) ARG-008 - Avellaneda R.C, Box 41, (1870) Avellaneda, Buenos Aires, Argentina
7 - Argentina - Rio Negro LU2VCD/V (*) ARG-012 - Grupo Maragato de Radioaficionados, Hildeman 390, (8500), Viedma, Rio Negro, Argentina
8 - Argentina - Claromeco LU7HW/D (*) ARG-014 - GRCA, Quintana 1981, (5900), Villa Maria, Cordoba, Argentina
9 - Argentina - Cabo Curioso LU2XBI/X (*) ARG-024 - R.C GDXBB, Box 709, (8000) Bahia Blanca, Buenos Aires, Argentina
10 - Argentina - Cabo Da?oso LU5BE/X (*) ARG-025 - R.C GDXBB, Box 709, (8000) Bahia Blanca, Buenos Aires, Argentina (1? vez)
11 - Argentina - Santa Cruz LU2CRM/X (*) ARG-066 - R.C GDXBB, Box 709, (8000) Bahia Blanca, Buenos Aires, Argentina (1? vez)
12 - Argentina - San Francisco de Paula LU2CRM/X (*) ARG-060 - R.C GDXBB, Box 709, (8000) Bahia Blanca, Buenos Aires, Argentina (1? vez)
13 - Argentina - Quequen LU9EV/D (*) ARG-004 - R.C Necochea, Avda. 58 N? 3030, (7630) Necochea, Buenos Aires , Argentina
14 - Argentina - El Rincon LW3DKC/D (*) ARG-036 - R.C GDXBB, Box 709, (8000) Bahia Blanca, Buenos Aires, Argentina
15 - Argentina - Punta Mogotes LU2DT/D (*) ARG-005 - R.C Mar del Plata, Box 664, (7600) Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina
16 - Argentina - Martin Garcia LU1EEZ/D ARG-045 - Ezequiel Lucero, Alicia M De Justo 3442, (1752) Lomas Del Mirador, Buenos Aires, Argentina - IOTA SA-055
17 - Argentina - Segunda Barranca LU9DF/D (*) ARG-067 - Coronel Su?rez R.C, Box 7, (7540) Coronel Su?rez, Buenos Aires, Argentina
18 - Argentina - Isla Leones LU7DSY/W (*) ARG-071 - R.C GDXBB, Box 709, (8000) Bahia Blanca, Buenos Aires, Argentina - IOTA SA-065
19 - Argentina - Querand? LU4AAO/D (*) ARG-007 - R.C QRM Belgrano, Avda. Triunvirato 5720 - piso 1, (C1431FCX), Buenos Aires; Argentina
20 - Argentina - Punta Delgada LU1WP/W (*) ARG-015 - R.C Trelew, Mitre 182, (9100), Trelew, Argentina
21 - Argentina - Punta Piedras LU9DO/D ARG-058 - Juan Carlos Parra, Chacabuco 2312, (1636) Olivos, Buenos Aires, Argentina
22 - Argentina - San Antonio LU1EQ/D (*) ARG-011 - R.C. Escobar, Box 33,

(1625) Escobar, Buenos Aires, Argentina
23 - Argentina - Baliza Cargill LU7DR/D (*) - R.C. GDXBB, Box 709, (8000) Bah?a Blanca, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Ref. en tr?mite - 1? vez)
24 - Argentina - Baliza Anterior LW7EDH/D (*) - R.C. Miramar, Box 102, (7607) Miramar, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Ref. en tr?mite - 1? vez)
25 - Argentina - Baliza Segunda LU8EHV/D (*) - R.C. Miramar, Box 102, (7607) Miramar, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Ref. en tr?mite - 1? vez)
26 - Argentina - Punta Hermengo LU6DTB/D (*) ARG-075 - R.C. Miramar, Box 102 (7607) Miramar, Buenos Aires, Argentina
27 - Argentina - Baliza Escollera Norte LU1WF/W - R.C. Rawson, Box 10, (9103) Rawson, Chubut, Argentina (Ref. en tr?mite - 1? vez)
28 - Argentina - Faro Chubut LU1WCR/W (*) ARG-034 - LU1WCR, Mendoza 779, B? Mayo, (9103) Rawson, Chubut, Argentina
29 - Argentina - Baliza Puerto Rosales LU6DG/D (*) ARG-095 - Punta Alta R.C, 2 de Julio 793, (8109) Punta Alta, Bs.As, Argentina
30 - Argentina - Faro Miramar LU2AGQ/D (*) ARG-047 - R.C Miramar, Box 102 (7607) Miramar, Bs.As, Argentina
31 - Argentina - Baliza Enfilaci?n Faro San Antonio LW1DE/D (*) - R.C. Escobar, Box 33, (1625) Escobar, Bs.As, Argentina (Ref. en tr?mite - 1? vez)
32 - Brasil - Morro de San Pablo PX6T BRA-157 - Orlando Perez Filho, Shigs 706, Bloco L, Casa 22, (70350-762) - Brasilia - DF, Brazil - IOTA SA-080
33 - Brasil - Ponta Negra PY1GE (*) BRA-080 - PY1NEZ, via QRZ.com
34 - Brasil - Itapua PS6T BRA-058 - PY6KY, via QRZ.com
35 - Brasil - de Suba?ma ZZ6Z (*) BRA-243 - PY6PRS, via QRZ.com (1? vez)
36 - Chile - Punta Galera CE6AMN (*) CHI-018 - CE6AMN, Box 591, Temuco, Chile
37 - Chile - Caldera CE6TBN/1 (*) CHI-065 - CE6TBN y/o HA1AG, via QRZ.com
38 - Chile - Molo de Abrigo XR1A (*) CHI-058 - R.C. La Portada, Huamachuco 9474, Antofagasta, Chile
39 - Per? - Salinas OA4DKJ (*) PER-026 - P.O.Box 538, Lima 100, Per?
40 - Per? - Anc?n OC4FA (*) PER-038 - RC Peruano, Box 538, Lima 100, Per?
41 - Per? - La Marina OC4FB (*) PER-010 - RC Peruano, Box 538, Lima 100, Per?
42 - Per? - Torre Reloj del Muelle de Guerra OC4FC (*) PER-037 - RC Peruano, Box 538, Lima 100, Per?
43 - Per? - Isla Chilca OC4FD (*) PER-001 - RC Peruano, Box 538, Lima 100, Per?
44 - Uruguay - Colonia del Sacramento CX2FAA (*) URU-007 - Sacramento RC, Box 39073, (7000) Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay
Tks LU5CAB

WAAB Award Available -

The radio club "Rio de la Plata" began issuing the W.A.A.B. (Worked Argentine Antarctic Bases) to radio amateurs and SWLs as of April 1st, 2008. To get the award the applicants must show they have worked and confirmed by QSL cards, at least 3 different Argentine Antarctic Bases. Contacts can go back as far as November 9, 2001. The current list of active Argentine Antarctic Bases are: LU1ZA S.Orkney; LU1ZAB Matienzo; LU1ZB Melchior; LU1ZD San Martin; LU1ZG Belgrano II; LU1ZI Jubany; LU1ZR Petrel; LU1ZS Camara; LU1ZV Esperanza; LU2ZD Primavera; and LU4ZS Marambio.

The W.A.A.B. award is available by E-mail requests to the Award Manager Horacio Ledo, LU4DXU - lu4dxu at hotmail.com or P.O.Box # 22, Martinez (1640) Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA. He can also supply the rules and fees for the award or visit the following Web page at:
http://www.waponline.it/WapAwards/tabid/61/Default.aspx
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Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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